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1. Genthin (M 53/Z 03):

The komendatura with a personnel of about 100 was on Karl-Marx-Strasse on 7 December 1949.

2. Dessau (M 52/E 17):

The military post headquarters with a personnel of about 150 was located near the main railroad station on 28 December 1949. 50X1-HUM  
The MGB office with a personnel of about 120 was located on [ ] 50X1-HUM  
[ ] passenger car [ ] and trucks [ ] were observed. 50X1-HUM

3. Hessen border sector:

The following changes of border guard posts were observed on 4 and 5 January 1950:

a. Part of the personnel of the border guard posts in Luetgenrode (M 53/D 07), Rhoden (M 53/D 08), Veltheim (M 53/D 08) and Dedeleben (M 53/D 18) were exchanged.

b. New border guard posts were established in Osterode (M 53/D 08) and Rohrsheim (M 53/D 18).

c. Personnel and equipment for the following border guard posts were identified:

(1) Luetgenrode: Forty men, most of them wearing black-bordered red epaulets and eight wearing red-bordered black epaulets, equipped with one 76.2-mm AT gun and trucks [ ] 50X1-HUM

(2) Rhoden: Thirty-five men wearing black-bordered red epaulets, equipped with truck [ ] 50X1-HUM

(3) Osterode: Fifteen men wearing black-bordered red epaulets.

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(4) Veltheim: Forty men, most of them wearing black-bordered red epaulets and eight red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, equipped with one 76.2-mm AT gun, trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(5) Dedeleben: Forty men, most of them wearing black-bordered red epaulets and eight wearing black epaulets and artillery insignia, equipped with two 76.2-mm AT guns, trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted]

(6) Rohrsheim: Border guard post of 20 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Ration supply issuing point operated by 12 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM

4. Oschersleben (M 53/D 48):

The **komendatura** personnel numbered about 40 on 12 January 1950.

5. Schmolau (M 53/Y 07):

The **komendatura** personnel, in mid-January 1950, numbered one officer and 14 EM. The **komandatura** controlled border guard posts in Juebar (M 53/Y 15) (one officer and ten EM), Hanum (M 53/Y 15) (one officer and ten EM), Chrdorf (M 53/Y 06) (one officer and ten EM) and Addekath (M 53/Y 06) (one officer and six EM). The border guard post in Collensdorf (M 53/Y 59) was withdrawn in late December 1949, whereas the post in Boemenzien (M 53/Y 59) remained.

6. Aschersleben (M 52/D 55):

Only an RTO office was observed in town.

7. Ballenstedt (M 52/D 45):

The MGB office, staffed with 4 officers and 25 EM, was on Luisenstrasse. Passenger car [redacted] and truck [redacted] were identified. 50X1-HUM  
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8. Blankenburg (M 52/D 25):

The MGB office, staffed with three officers and 15 EM, was on Helenenstrasse and Imlienstrasse.

9. Halberstadt (M 52/D 21):

The personnel of the MGB office on Thaelmannstrasse and Buko-strasse were reduced from about 40 men to 4 officers and 14 EM. The office will allegedly be transferred to Fernigerode (M 52/C 92). [redacted] 50X1-HUM

10. Oschersleben (M 53/D 48):

A **komendatura** and an RTO office were located in the town.

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11. Quedlinburg (M 52/D 35):

- a. The county **komendatura** with a personnel of about 100 was in the Landratsamt (county administration building) on Mumentalstrasse.
- b. The MGB office with a personnel of about 40 was on Stumpfsburger Strasse.

12. Wernigerode (M 52/C 92):

- a. The county **komendatura**, commanded by Col Besruchenko, had a personnel of about 80.
- b. The MGB office with a personnel of about 20 was still located in the same building. The MGB detachment of about 80 men, quartered in the former Marshal (ducal stables), was newly observed.
- c. It was said that additional Soviet units were to move to Wernigerode. To furnish quarters for them, cantonment buildings with a capacity of about 500 men are being constructed at the former airfield.

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e. With the start of uranium mining in the Schiercke (M 52/D 05) - Brocken area, the Soviet guard detachments were reinforced in that area. Up to that time, only a 20 to 25-man border guard post had been in Ober-Schiercke.

f. An MGB guard detachment of about 50 men and Soviet technical personnel recently moved into the former Beschimag rest center, Dreiannenhohne. Cantonment buildings, constructed near Dreiannenhohne, are to house German workers and Soviet military personnel. (12 to 20 January 1950).

Comment:

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a. The reported data on **komendaturas** agree with previous information. Col Besruchenko is known from previous reports as Chief of the Wernigerode County **komendatura**.

b. MGB offices:

The MGB office on Ebertallee, Dessau, is the "Operational District" office of the MGB, Dessau. The reported strength of office personnel is believed too high. The office is staffed by 30 to 40 men.

The additional MGB offices in Ballens edt, Blankenburg,

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Halterstadt, Quedlinburg and Wernigerode were previously known as "Operational Groups". They were confirmed by the above report. The reported strengths are also believed too high.

c. [redacted] the border guard posts in the Hessen border sector belong to component units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and to Headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. The report again confirms the employment in border guard duty of component units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div up to early January 1950. 50X1-HUM

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